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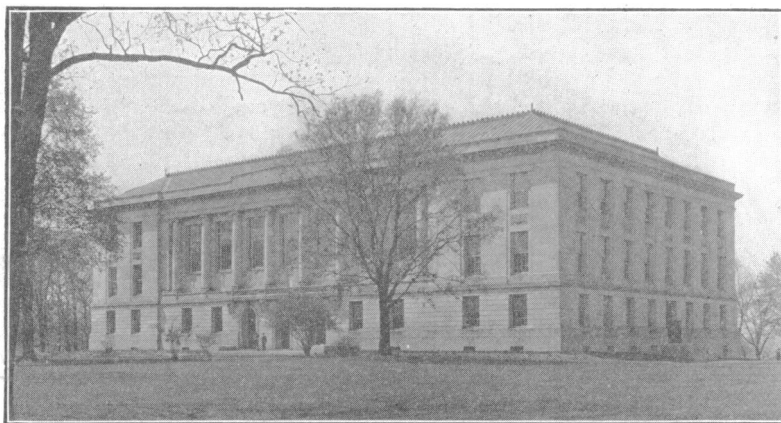
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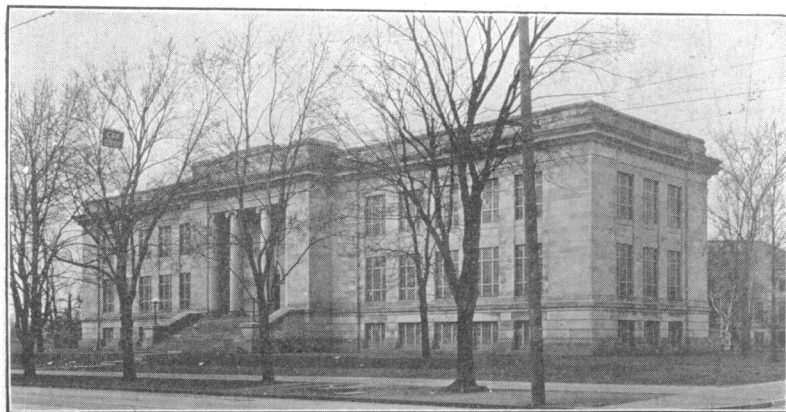
the addresses before the sections and the special societies and a large number of discussions and programs of general interest, as well as the long series of special papers in the different sections covering the research work accomplished during the year.

Dr. W. W. Campbell, director of the Lick Observatory, who presided at Columbus, gave an evening address on "The Evolution of the Stars" at a special meeting of the association called in Washington the following week as a compliment to the Pan-American Scientific Congress. As his successor in the presidency of the association, the highest honor annually conferred on

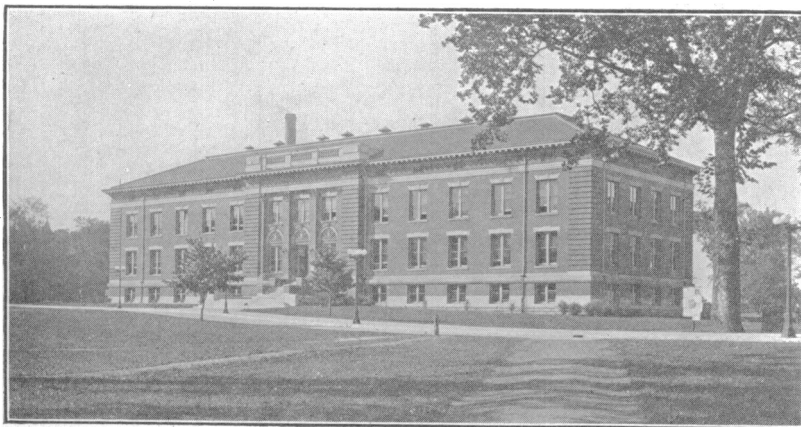
an American man of science, Dr. Charles R. Van Hise, was elected. Dr. Van Hise, who as professor of geology has attained scientific eminence by his contributions to structural geology and ore-deposits, has recently been active in the plans for the conservation of natural resources, and as president of the University of Wisconsin for the past thirteen years has been the leader in the movement to make the university a dominant factor in the state.

#### THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

THE Ohio State University is at the gateway between the Atlantic states and



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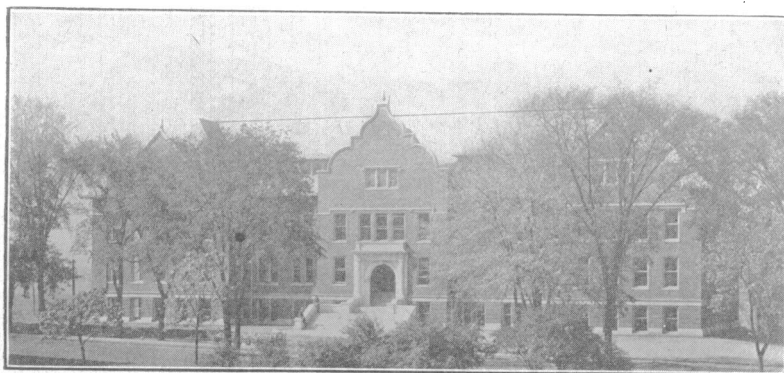


CHEMISTRY HALL.

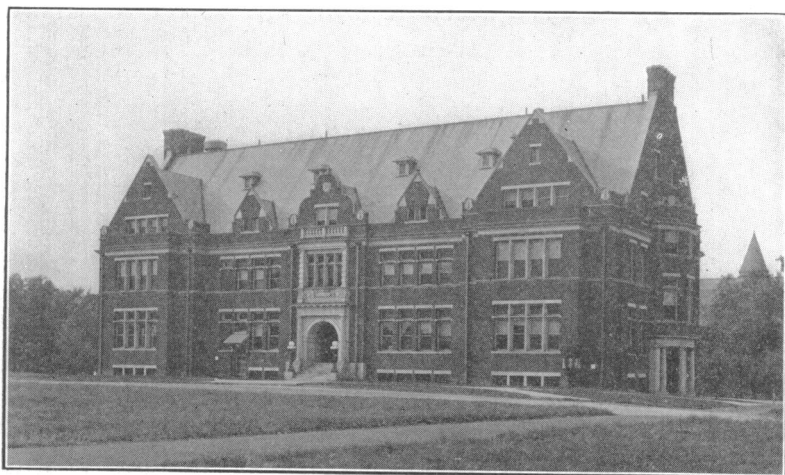
the north central states. On one side the private universities and colleges predominate, on the other, state supported institutions. Two years ago, there were 129,000 students in the private institutions for higher education in the United States, while there were 88,000 in our public institutions. In the North Atlantic division there were about 60,000 students in the private institutions and 8,000 in the public institutions, whereas in the North Central division there were 41,000 in the one and 44,000 in the other. The Ohio State University, owing to its situation and to the private universities of the state, was one of the last to take its place among the great state universities. It is also the case that in

Ohio there are two other state-supported universities, Ohio University and Miami University, while the University of Cincinnati is the leading city-supported institution of the country.

The Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College was one of the land grant institutions established under an act approved by President Lincoln in 1862. It was not, however, chartered by the legislature until 1870, and was opened for the reception of students only in 1873. In 1878 the name was changed to the Ohio State University. When the American Association met in Columbus in 1899 the institution was well established, but the growth that has taken place in the intervening years is



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OHIO UNION, THE STUDENT BUILDING.

remarkable. The old university hall, typical of the college architecture of the last generation, is now surrounded by a group of fine modern buildings and laboratories, including the library built in 1912 at a cost of \$300,000 and the archeological and historical museum, opened a year later. The Ohio Union has been erected at a cost of about \$100,000, as a social center for student activities, and there is a series of buildings for the different sciences, including physics, chemistry, botany and zoology, horticulture and forestry and other agricultural departments.

All the colleges and departments of a modern university are included in the organization. There are, indeed, some schools not always found, such as colleges of education, pharmacy and dentistry, and there has recently been organized a college of commerce. Apart from the summer session, attended by about 1,000 students, and the shorter courses in agriculture, there are this year 4,900 students in the university, giving it a rank in size just above the University of Wisconsin and the University of Minnesota. There are 481 professors and other officers who accomplish, apart from the teaching of the students, a large amount of research work and public service of benefit to the state and to the country.

#### SCIENTIFIC ITEMS

WE record with regret the death of Dr. Eugene Woldemar Hilgard, professor emeritus of agriculture in the University of California; of Dr. Arthur Williams Wright, professor emeritus of experimental physics at Yale University; of Daniel Giraud Elliot, known for his contributions to mammalogy and ornithology, and of Sir Henry Enfield Roscoe, the distinguished chemist, emeritus professor in the University of Manchester.

At the Columbus meeting of the American Association vice-presidents were elected as follows: Mathematics, L. P. Eisenhart, Princeton University; physics, H. A. Bumstead, Yale University; engineering, E. L. Corthell, Brown University; geology and geography, R. D. Salisbury, University of Chicago; zoology, G. H. Parker, Harvard University; botany, T. J. Burrill, University of Illinois; anthropology and psychology, F. W. Hodge, Bureau of Ethnology; social and economic science, Louis I. Dublin, New York; education, L. P. Ayres, the Russell Sage Foundation; agriculture, W. H. Jordan, the New York State Experiment Station.